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H.B. No. 4283

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of the commissioner of education to  
3 create career and technical credentials and certificates that may  
4 be earned through a career and technology education program.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 29.1821 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.1821. COMMISSIONER AUTHORITY TO CREATE CREDENTIALS  
9 AND CERTIFICATES. (a) To address unmet workforce needs and enhance  
10 student competitiveness in the labor market, the commissioner may  
11 create career and technical credentials or certificates that may be  
12 earned by a public high school student through a career and  
13 technology education program.

14 (b) A credential or certificate created under this section  
15 must:

16 (1) be aligned with state and regional workforce needs  
17 in the applicable field; and

18 (2) serve as an entry point for employment or a bridge  
19 to postsecondary education in the applicable field.

20 (c) The commissioner may consult with relevant stakeholders  
21 in creating credentials or certificates under this section.

22 (d) The agency shall post on the agency's Internet website  
23 information regarding any credentials or certificates created by  
24 the commissioner under this section.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.